



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

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RE: FOIA Request, Control No.: FI-2019-0089 & FI-2019-0095

Dear Ms. Best:

This letter is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests, dated June 10, 2019, and June 19, 2019 respectively, sent to the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) Office of Inspector General (OIG). On June 10, 2019, you requested: "a copy of the list or printout or database listing of Inspector General investigations closed/reports completed during calendar year 2017." On June 19, 2019, you requested: "a copy of the list or printout or database listing of Inspector General investigations closed/reports completed during calendar year 2016."

Enclosed are 11 pages of records responsive to your request. Some information was redacted or withheld pursuant to exemptions provided by the FOIA. Some information was redacted or withheld pursuant to exemptions provided by the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. §552(b)(6), (b)(7)(c) & (b)(7)(e)).¹ We are producing the 11 pages with redactions.

For your information, Congress excluded three discrete categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of the FOIA. See 5 U.S.C. 552(c) (2006 & Supp. IV 2010). This response is limited to those records that are subject to the requirements of the FOIA. This is a standard notification that is given to all our requesters and should not be taken as an indication that excluded records do, or do not, exist.

You may contact the DOT OIG FOIA Office to discuss any aspect of your request at:

¹ Exemption 6 protects names and any data-identifying individuals if public disclosure would be a clearly unwarranted invasion of privacy. Exemption 7(C) protects personal information in law enforcement records. It prevents the disclosure of law enforcement information that could reasonably constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. Exemption 7(E) protects techniques/procedures used in law enforcement investigations or prosecutions from disclosure. It prevents the disclosure of guidelines for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions if disclosure could reasonably be expected to risk circumvention of the law.

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You may also contact FOIA Public Liaison, Seth Kaufman at (202)366-8751, Seth.Kaufman@oig.dot.gov for any further assistance.

If you are not satisfied with the DOT OIG's determination in response to this request, you may administratively appeal by writing to the Office of General Counsel, U.S. Department of Transportation Office of Inspector General, 7th Floor West (J3), 1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E. Washington, DC 20590. Appeals to the General Counsel should be prominently marked as a "FOIA Appeal." If you prefer, your appeal may be sent via electronic mail to FOIAAPPEALS@oig.dot.gov. An appeal must be received within 90 days of this determination and should contain any information and arguments you wish to rely on. The General Counsel's determination will be administratively final.

You also have the right to seek dispute resolution services from the FOIA Public Liaison (contact information shown above) or the Office of Government Information Services (<https://ogis.archives.gov>) via phone—202-741-5770 / toll free—1-877-684-6448; fax—202-741-5769; or email—ogis@nara.gov.

Sincerely,

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